India-European Union Summit

258. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of recent India European Union Summit; and

(b) the European Union's views regarding cross border terrorism originating from Pakistan and the need for negotiations between India and Pakistan to resolve outstanding issues?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The outcome of the India-EU Summit on 10th-11th October 2002 in Copenhagen was entirely satisfactory from our view point. The Joint Statement and Agenda for Action adopted at the Summit reiterated our shared commitment to expand and deepen India-EU cooperation in all areas on the basis of equality and mutual benefit and to further promote the development of our partnership. It recognizes the importance of India and EU as global actors in a multipolar world.

(b) The EU Declaration on India and Pakistan adopted by the Seville Conference of EU Heads of Government on 21st and 22nd June, 2002 calls on Pakistan to stop infiltration across the Line of Control and to prevent terrorist groups from operating from territory under its control, also through closing of training camps. The EU is also of the view that a lasting settlement of the differences between India and Pakistan could be achieved through bilateral dialogue.

Implementation of Haj Act

259. SHRI K. RAHAMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed the rules for implementation of Haj Act, which has been assented to by the President;

(b) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(c) by when the Act and the rules thereunder are likely to be notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes. The rules for implementation of Haj Act 2002 have been framed and are under legal